GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Public Services — Forest Department – Sri S. Krishna Babu, Deputy Range Officer (Expired) formerly Pacherla Section, Chalama Range of WLD Nandyal - Negligence of duty in collection of C.Fees and misappropriation of Govt., money - Failure to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty – Finalization of the disciplinary action initiated against Sri S. Krishna Babu, DRO(Expired) - Further action abated – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 94.

Dated:19-11-2014. Read the following:-

From the PCCF Ref.No.8944/2014/K1, dt. 23-05-2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that, an Article of Charge was issued under Rule 20 of APCS Rules 1991, against Sri S. Krishna Babu, Deputy Range Officer (Expired) formerly Pacherla Section of WLD Nandyal vide CF, Kurnool Rc. No. 2809/2009/M3, dt. 13.08.2009 (Article of Charge) on the following counts:-

Article:- " Neglect of duty"

"That the said Sri S. Krishna Babu, while functioning as DRO, Pacherla Section of Chelama Range during the period from 02.06.2006 to date has committed gross negligence in collection of C.Fees and misappropriated Govt., money to a tune of Rs. 31,500/- by correcting C.F.140 receipt and not submitted case records without following the procedure as laid down under A.P.Forest Offences (compounding)rules 1969 and thus he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Employee in violation of rule - 3 of the A.P.Civil Services(Conduct) Rules 1964".

- 2. The charged officer acknowledged the Article of charge on 23-9-2009, but did not submit his explanation. The Conservator of Forest, Kurnool appointed Divisional Forest Officer(WL), Nandyal and Divisional Forest Officer(Log) Division, Nanadyal as Inquiry Officer and presenting Officer respectively vide Ref.No.46583/2008/P3, dt.31.7.2010 for conducting regular Enquiry.
- 3. The Inquiry Officer has submitted his findings vide Divisional Forest Officer, Nandyal Rc.1118/2009/A5, dt.24.7.2013 (after expiry of the Charged Officer) in which he held the charge proved, stating that the charged officer had corrected the amounts in C.F 140 receipt and got Rs.31,500/- for his personnel benefits.
- 4. The Charged Officer expired while in service on 20-5-2013, there are no other subordinates involved in this case and the Government loss of Rs.31,500/has to be recovered from his DCRG.
- 5. The Prl. CCF has requested the Government to abate further action against Sri S.Krishna Babu, Deputy Range Officer (expired) and order to recover an amount of Rs.31,500/- from his DCRG.
- 6. The matter has been examined by the Government in the light of the subrule (7) (a) of rule 9 of the A. P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.85, Fin&Plg. (FW.Pen-I) Dept., dt 12.7.1999 and under the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Dept dt 21.12.2002.

- 7. Accordingly, the Government here by order to abate further action against the deceased Government servant Sri S. Krishna Babu, Deputy Range Officer (Expired), formerly Pacherla Section, Chalama Range of WLD Nandyal, in this case. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action as per the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Department dt.21.12.2002 for recovery of Rs.31,500/- the pecuniary loss caused to Government , from DCRG of the deceased Charged Officer.
- 8. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.
Legal heirs of late Sri S. Krishna Babu, DRO (Expired)
(through Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.)

Copy to The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad. Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER